

San Mateo County - 1% Manual Tally Report, Feb. 5, 2008

The manual tally for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary election was conducted at the San Mateo County Elections Office between February 25 and February 27. An announcement for the tally to the general public was issued on February 19.

At 8:30 a.m. on February 25, 2008, a random selection of at least 1% of the precincts to be included in the manual tally was held in front of three observers, two from the San Mateo Democratic County Central Committee and a post graduate student from the University of California, Berkeley. The three observers took turns rolling three 10-sided dice in selecting 7 precincts for the manual tally meeting the requirement set forth in Elections Code § 15360. The selected precincts were 2201, 2609, 4429, 1401, 2666, 1703, and 4405.

Immediately after the random selection of the precincts, the election staff went about gathering paper ballots cast at the poll, by mail, and the printer mechanisms (VBOs) holding the printouts of votes cast of the seven selected precincts. This took place in witness of various observers.

All contests and votes cast within the seven precincts were included in the manual tally. The tally was performed by 12 groups, in teams of 4, of the three different types of ballots cast; Vote by Mail ballots, paper ballots voted at the polls, and paper printouts of votes cast from each of the VBOs. This took place in witness of various observers.

The following are the number of ballots for each of the ballot groups tallied:

Ballot Group	Number of Ballots
Vote by Mail	1,354
Early Voting	18
Paper Ballots Voted at the Polls	274
Paper Printout from VBOs	1,202
Total:	2,848

Discrepancies found in the manual tally and their final resolutions are listed as follows:

Precinct 1401 - Vote by Mail	One vote for Hillary Clinton was subtracted from the unofficial count upon discovery where a voter marked the voting squares of both Hillary Clinton and the write-in selection on a single ballot.
Precinct 1703 - Vote by Mail	One "No" vote for Prop. 96 was added upon discovery of a ballot where the voting square was marked by a light green marker pen. Conclusion: the light green color was not detected by the scanner. (All three vote changes for precinct 1703 were from a single ballot.)
Precinct 1703 – Vote by Mail	One "Yes" vote for Measure L was added upon discovery of a ballot where the voting square was marked by a light green marker pen. Conclusion: the light green color was not detected by the scanner. (All three vote changes for precinct 1703 were from a single ballot.)
Precinct 1703 – Vote by Mail	One "Yes" vote for Measure I was added upon discovery of a ballot where the voting square was marked by a light green marker pen. Conclusion: the light green color was not detected by the scanner. (All three vote changes for precinct 1703 were from a single ballot.)